

COST SHARE STREET TREE PROGRAM



How To Order New Street Trees in Upper Arlington

Street trees are a valuable public resource in our City. Public street trees enhance our quality of life in many ways, beautifying neighborhoods, improving our environment, slowing traffic and increasing local property values. Both individuals and entire neighborhoods enjoy the benefits of street trees when they are properly selected, planted and maintained.

For these reasons, the Upper Arlington Tree Commission and the City of Upper Arlington offer to all residents the opportunity to purchase and plant street trees through the Cost Share Street Tree Program.

How to Order Cost Share Trees

Cost share trees may be ordered anytime for spring or fall planting. Spring orders must be placed by January 2. Fall orders must be placed by September 1. The order form lists prices. Payment is due upon receipt of your order. For more information or to request an order form, please call 614-583-5340 or visit the City's website.



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City Recommendations

The City provides species and location recommendations. Trees are available in two sizes: 1.5-inch or 2-inch caliper (approximately six-to-10-feet tall depending on caliper and species). Prices vary depending on size, but not species. Neighbors are encouraged to organize block, street or neighborhood planting projects. The City guarantees all trees and will replace them if necessary at no further cost to you. All trees must be planted on the public right-of-way along a dedicated public street.

Caring For Your New Trees

Residents must contact the City before planting, pruning or removing any tree on a street right-of-way. The right-of-way includes the tree lawn (also known as the curb strip, parkway, devil strip, etc.) between the curb and sidewalk. In addition, on most streets the right-of-way extends beyond the sidewalk some distance. Even on streets without sidewalks or curbs, a public right-of-way is present, and street trees can be planted. Here are some tips for your newly planted tree:

- Water new trees thoroughly once per week during the first two summers. This is critical!
- Mulch annually.
- Keep mowers and string trimmers away.
- The City is responsible for periodic pruning and most other street tree maintenance.

Minimum Tree Spacing Guidelines

The life of a street tree is not simple. Street trees must coexist with vehicles, exhaust fumes, pedestrians, utilities, sidewalks, curbs, etc. Proper planning and planting is essential to prevent future problems, and to maximize the life and performance of each new tree. The following general planning guidelines apply in most cases. Listings of recommended small, medium and large species can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

- **Small Species** (15-30 feet tall at maturity) - at least 24 inches from the edge of the curb or walk and 10 feet from the nearest tree;
- **Medium Species** (30-45 feet tall at maturity) - at least 30 inches from the edge of the curb or walk and 20 feet from the nearest tree;
- **Large Species** (exceeds 45 feet in height at maturity) - at least 36 inches from the edge of the curb or walk and 30 feet from the nearest tree.

In general, all trees should be planted at least seven feet from fire hydrants, street lights, driveways and street signs; six feet from underground drains and utility line valves; and 35 feet from the corner curb of street intersections.

Upper Arlington Tree Commission

The Upper Arlington Tree Commission is a group of seven residents appointed by the President of Council. The Commission's purpose is to advise City Council on urban forestry issues, to educate residents and to work with professional staff in support of a comprehensive municipal forestry program. Members serve three-year terms, and meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month.

The goal of the Upper Arlington Tree Commission is to guide and facilitate the operation of a comprehensive municipal forestry program which enhances the quality of life for all Upper Arlington residents. Programs include:

- Cost Share Street Tree Program
- Commemorative Tree Program
- Tree Treks
- Arbor Day Celebration
- Volunteer planting projects
- Street tree maintenance and replacement
- Park tree maintenance and replacement
- Invasive species management.



Upper Arlington has received the National Tree City USA award each year since 1990. Thank you for your interest in a greener, more sustainable Upper Arlington.

